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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Frank BONADIO et al.) Group Art Unit: 3772
Application No.: 10/600,812) Examiner: Bianco, Patricia
Filed: June 20, 2003) Confirmation No.: 7588
For: APPARATUS FOR USE IN)
SURGERY AND A VALVE)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2007, the period for response having been extended to May 5, 2008, by a three month Petition for Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above identified application as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks follow the claim amendments section of this Reply.